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JOEL SPIVAK: And now let me introduce you to Dr. William R. Corson (?), who -- well, Dr. Corson is an ex-Marine. He's been involved with intelligence matters for -- between he and his colleague Robert Crowley, they have probably about 70 years experience in the intelligence business. And they wrote a book, which is published by Morrow, called The New KGB: Engine of Soviet Power. It's a very scholarly book, but it is full of information.

I was sitting in my office today reading this book, and right away the first thing that jumped out at me, Dr. Corson, was the shooting of the Pope and what, if anything, the KGB had to do with it.

First of all, do you believe that the KGB had something to do with it?

WILLIAM CORSON: Oh, indeed. Yes, Joel. The facts are pretty clear. What we did in the book was to insure to use a parallel. And, you know, we're not going to come up with this is the new piece of proof and there's this trial underway which is part of a legal rain dance in Italian jurisprudence -- is the fact that we think of His Holiness as a leader. And he is. Twenty-two percent of the American public are Catholics. But that's not the perception within the framework of the KGB. He's a charismatic leader of Poland. And the history of relationships between Poland and Russia, that go back 300 years, is that periodically the Poles get angry and kick the living bejesus out of the Russians. And they know that.

And we talked about Sikorski, the murder of General Sikorski by the Soviet secret police, with the connivance of